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The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was initiated by the Atomic Energy Commission (now the Department of Energy) in 1974 to identify and remediate contaminated sites used in the early years of the United States' atomic energy program. Management of the program was transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in October 1997. This fact sheet is one in a series of fact sheets providing information on FUSRAP activities at the Colonie Site.

Welcome!

This newsletter is the third in a series to share site progress and information with neighbors of the Colonie FUSRAP Site located on Central Avenue. Future information will include announcements of upcoming public events and involvement opportunities, with additional resources and contact information always being provided.

What's New!

Cleanup activities at the Colonie Site continued through the winter months. Excavation was halted during the winter due to the weather, however, shipping activities continued in order to reduce the treated and stockpiled soil.



Since October 2000, an additional 17,125 cubic yards of treated soil and 19,640 pounds of clean scrap metal have been shipped offsite for proper disposal. Excavation activities will resume in April 2001. Operation of the water treatment plant continues. A total volume of over 10,833,524 gallons of water has been treated to date at the site. Treated water is tested regularly to ensure compliance with permit criteria and New York State water Quality standards.

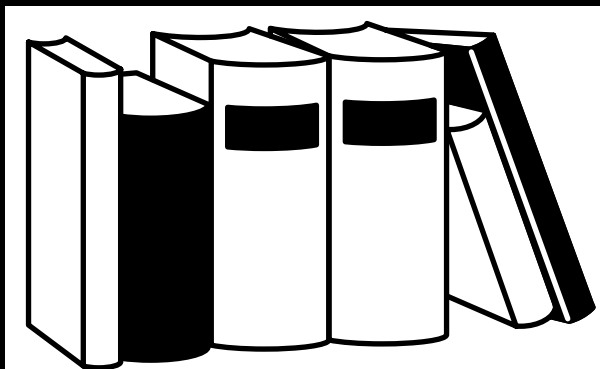


Public Web Site

As part of ongoing activities to keep local residents up to date on the project, a web site was made available to the public in October 2000. The site averages about 6-7 visits per day, or about 180 visits per month. Information on the site includes a site history, site photos, site-related documents, key site personnel and their contact information, upcoming events relating to the site, and other online resources. This web site is updated periodically.

You can visit the web site at:
<http://web.ead.anl.gov/corps/colonie>.

Site Repository



The Corps continues work on compiling and organizing project-related documents for the Administrative Record and Information Repository. This information can be found at the William K. Sanford Town Library in the Reference section in either a CD-ROM or hard copy format.

The “Administrative Record” refers to those technical documents used by the Corps to make decisions regarding cleanup activities at the site. These documents can be found at the Reference librarian’s desk. In order to ensure this information remains complete and in its proper location in the library,

interested people will need to sign the CD or documents in and out at the Reference desk in order to review it.

An “Information Repository” refers to the collection of other site documents that may be of interest to the local community. These documents can include fact sheets, maps, technical documents, and any other materials that may be considered of interest. These documents can be found in the Reference section of the library; however, they too cannot leave the library.

Groundwater Remedial Investigation

Beginning this spring, additional groundwater investigations will be conducted along the CSX railroad property that is adjacent to the Colonie site. The purpose for these additional investigations is to determine the potential for groundwater contamination. A part of this investigation will include a review of historical data from the Department of Energy files, as well as the collection of soil and



groundwater samples taken along the CSX property. The Corps will use various techniques to assist in determining potential impacts to groundwater. These techniques will allow the Corps to focus investigative activities in areas identified as potentially impacted by former site operations.

Action Memorandum

The Corps has been exploring other options to dispose of all site materials at an offsite facility. Results from this evaluation will be presented in a forthcoming Action Memorandum and associated public meeting. The revision in site disposal options not only reflects the goal of the Corps to do the best job possible, but it also meets the desires expressed to the Corps by community members.

Stay tuned for more information!

Community Relations Plan

The Corps is pleased to announce that in December 2000, the Community Relations Plan has been placed in the Information Repository located at the William K. Sanford Town Library located on Albany-Shaker Road. This document is an important component of the Colonie FUSRAP Site project because it outlines and describes the different methods used by the Corps to facilitate communication between the project staff and the local community.



Community Interview Summary

The Corps and its contractors conducted interviews during November 1999, in Colonie and Albany, New York. Interviewees included local businesses, residents, elected officials, and representatives of newspapers, public agencies, and environmental groups. A semi-structured questionnaire was used to conduct the interview, however, other topics and questions that came up during the interviews were also discussed. Key information obtained during these interviews is summarized below:

- The majority of interviewees knew about the site, with several having been involved in the site's cleanup process since the Department of Energy started removal activities. Those respondents who had not participated in prior site activities were either new residents in the area, or were public agency representatives who had not received any complaints or questions about the site from their constituents.
- Most interviewees wanted to receive site information through newsletters, public meetings, small group meetings, and site tours. Interviewees also noted that community meetings and small group meetings are an important complement to information received through the mail.
- The primary concern of interviewees related to the cleanup approach selected in the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis prepared by the Department of Energy. Local residents do not want any contamination to remain onsite. They have questions about the Designated Area.
- Interviewees indicated the need for greater interaction to ensure better information dissemination. The majority of interviewees wanted to be kept informed about site activities, cleanup progress, and upcoming meetings. Several interviewees were interested specifically in becoming involved in the decision-making process to determine future land use.

Community Relations Strategy

The overall goal of the community relations strategy is to establish effective and comprehensive communication and information exchange with all stakeholders. This information exchange should keep interested parties informed of site activities and make them aware of opportunities for involvement in future site-related activities. Additionally, information exchange should be sufficient and accessible enough to allow stakeholders to provide input into the remainder of the remedial decision-making process.

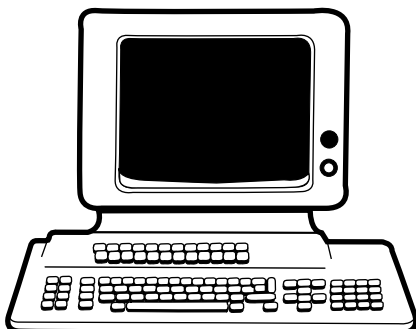
The Corps plans to meet the above goal through a combination of project update fact sheets, public meetings, small group meetings, news releases and an internet web site.

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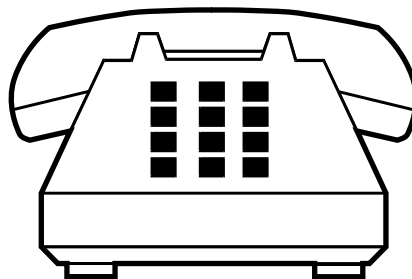
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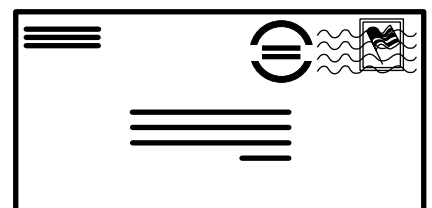
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